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1. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS BULLETIN OF THE DUTCH ANP
NEWS SERVICE IN ITS AFTERNOON RELEASE TODAY CARRIED A STORY
ON A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD LAST NIGHT IN THE HAGUE BY A
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SOVIET DELEGATE TO LAST WEEKEND'S INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN
AMSTERDAM AGAINST THE ERW. SEE REFTTEL.

2. THE DELEGATE, V. TRUKHANOVSKY OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES, TOLD THE PRESS THAT HOLLAND, MORE THAN ANY
OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRY, HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE
SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ERW.

3. HE ALSO SAID LEONID BRESHNEV HAD PROPOSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER THAT "TALKS ON THE NON-DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB SHOULD BE LEFT SOLELY TO THE TWO SUPPER POWERS, THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION."

4. FULL TEXT OF ANP BULLETIN ACCOUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:
"A SOVIET DELEGATE TO LAST WEEKEND'S INTERNATIONAL FORUM IN AMSTERDAM AGAINST THE NEUTRON BOMB, MR. V. TRUKHANOVSKY, PRAISED HOLLAND LAST NIGHT FOR ITS ROLE IN THE POSTPONEMENT OF NATO CONSULTATIONS ON THE BOMB'S PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT.

5. ADDRESSING A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE HE SAID HOLLAND, MORE THAN ANY OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRY, HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS BOOKED BY THE OPPONENTS OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON WHEN THE NATO CONSULTATIONS WERE POSTPONED.

6. MR. TRUKHANOVSKY, A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, FELT THAT DR. ROELOF KRUISINGA'S RESIGNATION AS DEFENSE MINISTER SHOWED THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT COULD NOT TRIFLE WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE DUTCH PEOPLE.

7. ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, MR. V. BOROVOJ, WHO IS DEACON OF THE PATRIARCHAL CATHEDRAL IN

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MOSCOW, ADDED WITHOUT MENTIONING DR KRUISINGA BY NAME
THAT THE VIEWS OF RELIGIOUS PEOPLE WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY
APPRECIATED IN HOLLAND.

8. MR. TRUKHANOVSKY SUBMITTED THAT TALKS ON NON-DEPLOYMENT
OF THE NEUTRON BOMB SHOULD BE LEFT SOLELY TO THE TWO SUPER
POWERS--THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. HE SAID
MR BREZHNEV HAD PROPOSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER TO DISCUSS
THE ISSUE, FOR INSTANCE IN DIRECT BILATERAL TALKS.
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9. THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS (SALT) WERE NOT THE
RIGHT FORUM FOR THIS SUBJECT. IF THE UNITED STATES TRIED
TO MAKE A DEAL ON THE SEUTRON WEAPON AT THE SALT TALKS,
SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES COULD ARISE IN RESPECT OF STRATEGIC
ASPECTS. THIS COULD SERIOUSLY DELAY DISCUSSIONS ON THE
NEUTRON BOMB, HE SAID.

10. MR. TRUKHANOVSKY REJECTED ANY CONCESSIONS ON THE
PART OF THE SOVIET UNION IN EXCHANGE FOR A DECISION TO
ABANDON PLANS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE
BOMB.

11. IT IS NOT A MATTER OF CONCESSIONS--THE ISSUE AT
STAKE IS TO STOP THE NEUTRON BOMB THROUGH JOINT ACTION
OF ALL PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS', HE STATED.

12. HE ADDED THAT IF NATO WERE TO EQUIP ITS TROOPS WITH
THE NEUTRON BOMB, THE SOVIET UNION WOULD ALSO START MAKING
THE WEAPON "TO DEFEND THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY".

13. REFERRING TO THE NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON ON
MAY 30 AND EQN AT WHICH A DECISION ON THE N-BOMB MAY
BE TAKEN, HE SAID IT WAS 'A PROVOCATION BY MILITARY CIRCLES --
A STEP AGAINST DUTCH AND WORLD OPINION'.

14. IF NO FURTHER WIDESPREAD ACTION WERE TAKEN, THE NATO
SUMMIT MIGHT TAKE A DECISION 'DIRECTED AGAINST THE
INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF HOLLAND AND THE SOVIET
UNION', HE SAID."

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